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Chair recognizes Senator Landis. Senator Landis. I have on my recognition board Senators Wesely, Hefner, Chambers, Hannibal, DeCamp, Newell, Hoagland, Peterson, Fowler. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I chaired the committee....

PRESIDENT: Let me interrupt, Senator Landis. Also the Speaker has asked me to confine each one of these resolutions to a thirty minute period.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. I chaired the committee that heard this particular resolution and joined the majority vote of the committee members as we dispatched this resolution with a kill motion in Executive Session on the next day. I think we have done enough tampering with federal issues this session. Frankly, there is not a large scale public movement on this issue that requires the Legislature to declare its position as there was on the freeze issue. This issue is not one that I assume that you have been hearing from from your constituents, certainly I haven't, and does not demand that the Legislature place itself on record at this time. Certainly it should not place itself on record with as little information and as speculative information as has been provided to this body by the proponents of this resolution. It is not because the goals of the resolution are anathema to the committee that saw its demise. It is just that everything was very hypothetical without a great deal of clear substantive support and documentation. If the purpose is to foster economic development through a high priority for research and development, let's do that, but let's aim at the goals that we are trying to get the spinoffs for. Rather than to say that medicine will be assisted by the spinoffs of a space...well, a particle laser beam technology, go after medicine. If the purpose is to improve communications technology, then aim at communications. It seems to me that if the big sale, if the selling point of LR 72 is additional spinoffs for our economy, then perhaps we should make the priority of what we do those effects themselves, raise them from a secondary spinoff level to the primary goal of our social policy. If we want to sell cancer, if we want to have some kinds of medical improvements or communications improvements, let's designate what our goals and go after them. I, for one, feel that the Legislature has spent enough time this session dealing with federal issues. We are not being cornered by a populace that wants us to go on record one way or the other